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May 17, 1985

Governor Thompson
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

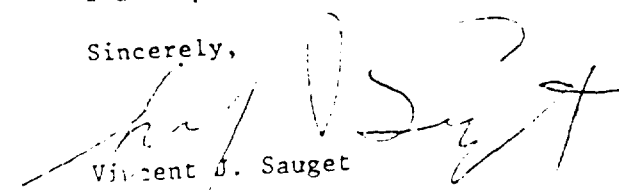
Dear Governor Thompson:

On behalf of the residents of Quail Run Mobile Home Community and other residents of Cahokia, Illinois, I would like to submit this petition to you for the clean-up of Dead Creek in Cahokia.

I have read several articles suggesting that Dead Creek would be cleaned up by the Illinois State Clean-Up Program headed by you, but no one seems to know when this will occur. The creek has needed to be cleaned out for 15 years and is a very unsanitary and dangerous place. Snakes and rats infest the creek, and this is very harmful for our residents, especially those with children.

I am hopeful you will move quickly on this project.

Sincerely,


Vincent J. Sauget
Park Owner

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cc: Mayor King
Quail Run Residents

Petition attached.

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2- Letter drafted for
Governor's office.

Dear Mr. Sauget:

Thank you for your letter sent to Governor Thompson representing the residents of Quail Run Mobile Home Community and other residents of Cahokia, Illinois. This office is keenly aware of the existing condition of Dead Creek.

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Your letter cites problems with rats and snakes in the creek. My understanding is that in past years the Village of Cahokia has employed persons to clean debris, which can serve as habitat for rats and snakes, from Dead Creek. With the closure of Dead Creek between Queeney Avenue and Judith Lane by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) due to the presence of hazardous wastes and contaminants, the regular cleaning of Dead Creek downstream has reportedly ceased. The possible exposure levels to workers who might enter the creek are unknown. However, IEPA staff would caution entry to the creek and particularly disturbance of the creekbed until further investigation to determine potential hazards of such activities are completed.

IEPA began procurement activities during January 1985 to select a contractor to perform a comprehensive survey of hazardous waste sites in the area; to determine the possible hazards to the inhabitants and environment posed by such sites; and to propose remedial activities for the area. This work is termed a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RIFS). IEPA is currently negotiating a contract for performance of the RIFS and expects work to commence in August. The RIFS is expected to be completed within eighteen months at a cost approaching one million dollars.

Dead Creek and the surrounding area constitute a complex problem with hazardous waste disposal activities having occurred over a 50(+) year period. The study of the area represents a major undertaking by the State as evidenced by the proposed cost.

The State is asking for the continued understanding, support, and cooperation of residents of Sauget and Cahokia. Unfortunately, the problems associated with Dead Creek cannot be completely alleviated in the timeframe that area citizens would prefer. Realizing that public involvement is important, IEPA has attempted to inform the Mayors of Sauget and Cahokia of current activities on a regular basis and has opened public information files in both communities as well as at the Collinsville office.

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cc: Michael King, Mayor of Cahokia
Paul Sauget, Mayor of Sauget
Richard Carlson, Director, IEPA